

<b>Education Program Goals</b>		<b>Agency/Program #:</b> 5113-04-G1
		<b>Division:</b>
		<b>Program:</b> Education Program
<b>Agency Name:</b>	Montana School for the Deaf and Blind	
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**Program or Project Description:**

The MSDB Education Program provides educational programming for visually and hearing impaired students ages 0 to 21.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				
Fund Name:	2008		2009	
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended
General Fund				
State Special				
Federal Funds				
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 15, 2008

**Legislative Goal(s):**

The Education Program at MSDB will provide an education for deaf and blind students which allows them to access education professionals, peers, communication, and learning which is not available to them in their home districts and which allows them to achieve their highest level of independence.

**Legislative Performance Measures:**

1. Annual parent satisfaction survey – qualitative
2. Annual student satisfaction survey – qualitative
3. Graduation rates – quantitative
4. Weschler Individual Achievement Test results – quantitative (Following federal regulations that apply to the public dissemination of test results for determining AYP the school may only be able to release a single summary statement of declines or increases in achievement by subject area tested.)
5. Annual post graduate longitudinal survey – qualitative/quantitative

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	Parent surveys were mailed out in March and tabulated in April showing a 31% response rate.	3/1/2008	Apr-08
2	Student surveys were conducted on campus April 24, 2008 and tabulated on April 25, 2008 with a response rate of 82%.	Apr-08	Apr-08
3	It is anticipated two students will be eligible to graduate this school year.	24-May-08	
4	School Improvement Committee researched assessment and available assessment tools including the Weschler Individual Achievement Test.	30-May-08	
5	2007 graduates of MSDB were contacted for updates on their current status.	Feb-08	Apr-08

**Agency Performance Report:**

Of the 31% of parent responses returned 94% of parents said they have a positive feeling about the school. 94% felt instruction is designed to challenge and meet their child's needs. 94% felt involved and included in their child's IEP/CST meeting. 88% felt overall MSDB performs well academically and 100% feel they are informed about their student's progress.

25 student surveys were returned. 82% of students said they have a positive feeling about the school. 84% of the students believe MSDB is a good school and 80% like to go to school at MSDB.

The school improvement team researched assessment. It was determined by the committee that the WIAT would provide beneficial information for the elementary department to guide instruction. Staff will be inserviced on administering the test and tests will be given prior to IEP/CST meetings. For the middle school/high school we will begin using the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)

2007 Graduation statistics: 36% are working in their home communities, 29% are involved with transition programming at MSDB, 14% are attending a university, and 21% are in a tech program

**LFD Narrative:**

LFD ASSESSMENT: Warning

DATA RELEVANCE: The information reported in the Agency Performance section relates to the legislative goals and performance measures.

APPROPRIATION STATUS: Appropriation and expenditure data were not provided. The program was appropriated \$3,787,198 in FY 2008 and \$3,962,388 in FY 2009. The program recorded \$2,993,272 in expenditures on SABRS as of May 21, 2008.

COMMENTS/ISSUES It appears the MSDB education program is on track to meet their goal. However, the program did not provide appropriation or expenditure information to allow the workgroup to discuss the cost of meeting the goals or additional requests which may be needed to better address the goals. The workgroup may wish to request the agency provide expenditure and appropriation information during the October 2008 performance measurement meeting. It would appear the program will not expend the entire appropriation mainly due to vacancy savings resulting from lower population and inability to hire a audiologist for this fiscal year.

**OPTIONS:**

- 1) Dismiss from further review
- 2) Review again in October 2008
- 3) Request additional information
- 4) Upgrade or downgrade the rating



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